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*Appointed to be executed in
the Cittie of London, for setting roges
and idle persons to worke, and for
releefe of the poore.*

Prouerbes, 16.

He that hath pittie vpon the poore, lendeth vnto the
Lord: and looke what hee layeth out, it shall bee
payd him againe.

Psalme. 61.

Blessed is the man that prouideth for the sicke and
needy: the Lorde shall deliuer him in the time of
trouble.

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Or releefe of the poore, and or setting to worke of vagaraunt people, there are to be set vp in Bridewell certaine artes, occupations, workes and labours.

2 There are to be prouided stocke & tooles for those
worke. There is to be prouided bedding, apparrell, and
dyet for those poore to be set to worke.

3 When order shalbe taken and sufficient prouision had
for the furniture of the worke, Proclamation shall bee
made throughout the Citty, that all vagarants which are
come out of other places, where by the law they ought to
be prouided for, shall depart the Citty and the liberties
thereof, to the places of their byrth or last abode according
to the Law, vpon the paines thereof due.

4 Within conuenient time after the day limittted by such
Proclamation a generall search shalbe made, and lyke-
wise new generall searches from time to time as shalbe
requisite, throughout the Citty and the liberties therof at
one instant, & all the vagarants that shall be there founde
shalbe brought to Bridewell to be examined.

5 Such of them as be not diseased, and the Citty not to
be charged with them by lawe, shalbe dealt with accord-
ing to the lawe.

6 Such of the saide vagarants as shalbe found diseased
and to be curable, to the number that the Hospitals shalbe
able to receiue, shalbe sent to the Hospitalles to be cured:
and being cured shalbe sent to Bridewell againe there to
be examined and vsed as is aforesayd.

7 In this respect order is to be taken with the Hospi-
talles of S. Wartholmew and S. Thomas, that such as
shalbe sent to them from Bridewell by warrant of four
gouernours at the least vnder their handes to bee subscri-
bed at a Courte or assembly of them together, may be re-
ceiued

ceined at all tymes of the weeke and not deferred untyll theyr Court dayes. And that they spare the taking in of other, for the time, if neede so require.

8 Those whom the Cittie by law is charged to prouide for and are able to work, shalbe received into Bridewell, and there kept with thin diet, onely sufficing to sustaine them in health, and shalbe set to work in such of the workes labours and occupations as they shall be found fittest for.

9 If any such shall loyter and wyll not doo such labo^r as in reason they ought and as is doone by other of like capacite and strength, they shall be punished in Bridewell as is vsed by the discretion of the Governours.

10 If any of them shall run away or escape from Bridewell, and be taken againe vagrant within the liberties of this Cittie, he shalbe committed to the gaole as a Roge in the first degr^{ee}, and neuerthelesse after execution doone vpon him by boaring his eare, he shall againe bee sent to Bridewell to worke as before, if none other will at the Sessions receive him according to Lawe.

11 Likewyse escaping and being eftsoones taken againe vagrant, he shalbe vsed as a felon according to Lawe.

12 If any such vagarants shalbe found skilfull in any occupation wherby any Cittizen or other vsing such occupation wilbe contented to receive them into seruice, or that any Cittizen or anyother wilbe content to take any of them Apprentice or to seruice either in London or in the country, the gouernours of Bridewell shall doo their indevor so to bestowe them. Provided alway that if after such bestowing, any of them shalbe found vagrant, hee shalbe vsed as one escaping out of Bridewell as is aforesayd.

13 Such of them as belonging by law to the charge of the Cittie haue yong children vpon their hands, and vpon examination none shalbe found which by law ought to finde them,

them, the same children shalbe sent to Christes Hospital by such order and maner as hath beene accustomed so far as the house shalbe able to maintaine them. And the reste to be maintained at the charge of the parish according to law.

14. Such of them as are aged lame and impotent and not to be cured nor able to labor, shalbe prouided for in the Parishes where they dwell by some good order there to be taken.

15 If any being so prouided for shalbe found begging in the Streetes they shalbe punished in Bridewell by order of the governours for the first tyme. And for the second tyme, and the third tyme they shalbe vsed as Roges in the first and second degress according to Lawe.

16 Such Parishes as haue moe poore then they are able to releue shall have ayde of the money to be levied for this cause.

17 If any Cartier or other shall by lande or water bring to this Cittie or neere to the same any children or other and leaue them unplaced or not sufficiently prouided for : such Carrier or bringer shalbe punished by imprisonment, or otherwise as sharply as law wil permit, and also shall be bound to conuey such back againe to the places whence they came or where they ought to be prouided for according to law. Warning to be giuen by Proclamation of the contents of this and the next Article.

18 Every Inkeeper or such other person in this Citty or neere to the same, which shall wittingly receiue or keepe any such child or other so brought and not sufficiently prouided for, shall be charged to keepe and prouide for such child or other so brought, or els be bound to discharge the Cittie of them, or to conuey them backe agayne from whence they came. And if he refuse so to doo, then hee shall be punished as is abovesayd of the Cartier or bringer.

19 That Proclamation be made that euery Cittizen shal
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haue charge on paine of iii. s. iiiii. d. and every other person
shalbe required, to bryng or cause to bee brought to the
Constable or his Deputie or to the Bedle of the Ward
or other Bedle every such vagrant as shall beg of them
in the Parish wher such citizens or other doo dwelle: that
such vagrant may by such Constable or his deputie or
by the Bedle be sent to Bridewell to be examined and vsed
as is aboue sayd.

20 The Constables, Surveyors of Parishes, Bedles of
Wardes and other Bedles shall haue charge to apprehende
all such vagantes as they shall finde, and to bring or
send them to Bridewell as is aforesaid, on payne of vi. s.
viii. d. to be paid by every such Constable or his deputie, and
iii. s. iiiii. d. by every such Surveyor or Bedle in whom the
fault shalbe found, and the same to be levied by distresse,
and to be imployed to the use of the poore in Bridewell.

21 And also that the Constables, Deputies, and bedles,
on like payne, shall conuey to Bridewell, such as shall be
brought to them as is aforesaid.

22 The Constable in every watch shalbe charged uppon
like payne of vi. s. viii. d. to apprehend all such vagants
and Rogish persons as they shall find by night, and shall
send or conuey them to the Counter or Cage, and so to
Bridewell the next day. And the Porter or Officers of
Bridewell shall presently receyue them wythout any
further attendaunce of such as shall bring them.

23 The gouernours of Bridewell shall appoint some
meete persons to follow the causes at every Sessions a-
gainst such as shalbe committed to pryon as is aforesaid.

24 For auoyding the returne of idle vagants, and for
better reformation of the idle youth and unthrifte poore
in this Citie and for further execution of the premisses, e-
very Alderman or his Deputie in his ward assisted wyth
a suffcient steward shall keepe his Court of Wardmote
once in every month for the first yeare now ensuing, and
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in other yeeres once in every three monethes, on payne
to every Alderman for his default or of his sufficient De-
putie for him in not keeping the sayd Court xl.s. to the like
use of the poore. And all the inhabitants shall there appeare
or be amerced for their defaultes, and out of the saide a-
mercements and profites of Court the steward shalbe re-
warded with reasonable fee by the discretion of the Alder-
man, and the rest shalbe to the sayd use of the poore.

25 By the Inquest shalbe there enquired, if idle persons,
roges, vagabunds, and other suspect persons which lyue
disorderly or suspiciously or spend their times at Bow-
ling allies, playes, and other places unthriftily: & whether
the meane officers doo their dueties, and all other mat-
ters, as in the charge of leetes: and that speedy processe be
vsed according to the law for the reformation without de-
lay.

26 Order to bee there taken for the Wardes to haue ca-
ges and stocks, according to the Lawes of this Cittie, and
for the renuing of searches for vagarants and such other
persons from time to time as shalbe requisite.

27 In euery Parish by the Person or the Curate and
Churchwardens with the Constable & the Collectors for
the poore, and sice other of the chiese of the inhabitaunts
at the least, a vestry to be holden in the weeke before the
assemble of euery such wardmote, to enquire and vnder-
stand of all idle persons, vagaboundes, roges, disordered
maisters of houses, disordered Children of the poore, dys-
ordered Alehouses, and such like, absences from Church,
and other misdemeaners in their Parrish: and that such
as they finde, be presented at the next wardmote.

28 In euery parish a general suruey to be made, by the
Constable, Churchwardens, Collectors for the poore, and
vi. other of the Parishners of all their poore and needye
neighbors of the Parish viz. of euery house particularly,
the names of the dwellers, the children and seruauntes,

the sexe and age of every one, and which be able to labour and whereupon, and who be utterly impotent to any labour.

29 No pension nor other releefe to be giuen to any which are idle, being able to labo. And such as will labour and haue not nor can prouide to set themselues to worke, making their moe to the Churchwardens or Collectors for the poore, may by a Bill to be signed with the hands of the sayd Churchwardens or Collectors, or any two of them and three other parishoners, haue work appoynted or deliuered them at Bridewell, or els where.

30 None of the poore, or their children be suffered to begg or wander in the streetes, but be exercised vpon meete labo. toward the getting of their living in honest sort.

31 In every parish all the poore houses shall be at conuenient times visited, daily if it may be, by some one or moe to be appoynted at the vestry to see how they apply theyr work, and the defaults to be certified every sunday to the Churchwardens, and by them to be noted in a book against the next vestry.

32 Such youth, and other as are able to labour and may haue worke & shal be found idle shall haue some maner of correction by the parents, or otherwise as shalbe thought good in the parish. And if they wyll not amend they shalbe sent to Bridewell to be reasonably corrected there.

33 Such as be impotent and releued by pensions & can do somewhat, shalbe occupied in so much as they can doo: and the sicke shalbe visited and releued of the common boxe for the poore in their Parish during onely their sicknes, and afterward shall apply theyr labo. againe.

34 Humble sute to be made to the Lord Mayo. and hys brethren that vpon presentments in the court of Wardmote due execution and reformation be had.

35 For better execution & redresse to be had of thinges to be presented by the Inquest of Wardmote, the presentments

ments shalbe deliuerd to the Alderman of the ward, and by him or his deputy shalbe speedely redressed and executed such thinges so represented as be within his power by law and the orders of this Citty to execute.

36 Such thinges as be not in the power of the Alderman or his deputy, but in the power of the house of Bredewel by vertue of their charter shalbe deliuered to the gouernours of Bredewel to be by them executed and reformed so far as they may according to the law.

37 Such things as be not in the power of the Alderman or his deputie, nor in the power of the house of Bredewell, but do require the authority of the Lord Maior or of the court of Aldermen or of any Justices of peace, shal be deliuered over to the Lord Maior or to such iustices as shalbe requisite, that the same may be lawfully and duly redressed.

38 To every art, science, or labo^r in Bredewel be appointed two of the gouernours of Bredewel to ouersee the same, who shal haue care to the doing therof as they may answer that charge in credite and conscience.

39 Foure gouerners of that house shall attend two hours at the least in every day for examination & direction of such as shalbe brought thether after the first search & for expedition of other things requisite.

40 The tresorer with some of the gouernours of Bredewell shalbe appointed for the prouiding of corne, bread, viuell apparel and necessaries for the poore, and to ouersee their lodgings and such other things as be nedefull.

41 Of such companies of this Citty as wel the worshipfull as the inferior as the gouernours of Bredewel shall find to be requisite according to the qualitie of the artes or labors that are to be ouerseen, there shalbe appoynted persons to attend, so as there may be every day two

attending at Bridewell to oversēe the workes, and to
giue knowledge of the defaults which they shal find, to
the gouernours, on paine of xx. shillings to be payed
by the wardens if they appoyn特 not, being therunto re-
quired by the space of a weeke before, & on paines of vi.
shillings viii. pence to be paid by euery of the parties ap-
pointed, if he attend not being warned threē dais before
at the least, the sayd paines to be to the vse of the poore
in Bridewell and to be levied by distresse.

42 Where in the Sauoy are lodged nightly great num-
bers of idle wicked persons, cutpurses, coultners, and
such other theues, & there in the night are hidden from
officers and in the day do vse their rogish life, so that the
same place honorably ordeined is by such abuse made a
noursery of roges theues idle and dronken persons: for
remedy therof, request to be made to the maister of that
house, that speciall persons be appoynted to examine such
as shall come to lodge in the Sauoy that such be lodged
there as be of honest fame, poore men comming vp for
their sutes or causes, or such as are knownen & can gyue
accompt of their labour in the day time, and no other: &
if any such lewde roges be founde there, the officers of
the Sauoy or the Justices to whom it may appertaine
may send them to such place as they ought to be sent
by lawe.

43 Like order shalbe had for reformation of the lyke ab-
use in S. Thomas hospital. And for better execution
therof two or moe of the gouernours of Bridewell may
from time to time as often as shalbe thought needfull
goe into S. Thomas hospital with assistaunce or consent
of some of the gouernours there, to serch what people shal-
be there lodged, and such as they shall there finde vag-
rants and able to laboz shalbe committed to Bridewell
to be examined as is aforesayd.

44 For reformation of excesſive number & disorder of
alehouses, tipling houses, cellers, and such like whiche bee
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the maintainers & receiuers of wicked persons and bee
the occasion of much theft pilfering and incontinent life
and the increase of harlots and consequently of Bastards
and diseases to the great charge of the City: a view be
had of all alehouses, cookes houses, tipling houses, cel-
lers, and such like in euery parish by such as haue thereof
authoritie, & that the numbers of them be abridged to a
resonable proportion for the Ward or Parish, and in
places conuenient, as shalbe thought meete, & certified
by the Alderman of the Ward, and no other to bee
allowed.

45 That al be put downe and disallowed, but only such
as be of good fame, and knowne enemies to wicked life
and so certified by the Alderman of the Ward, and that
such as be once detected and found faultie of euill rule,
shall never be allowed againe.

46 No lodging, gaming, or vitling be suffered in any
celler.

47 Bondes shalbe taken with suerties for obseruing the
said orders by vitalers, and the bondes and forfaytures
therof shalbe made and employed to the vse of the poore
in b;idewell.

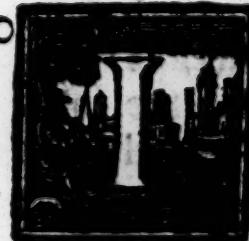
48 Where many Landlords and farmers of Allies, or
of great houses conuerted into smal habitations, do kepe
vittaling houses, and houses, shoppes, or cellers for ut-
ering of drinke vittaille and other chaffer to the inha-
bitantes of those allies or small habitations, all such
shalbe utterly disallow'd & forbidden to be vsed of such
Landlords or farms or by any other by their meanes
or within such Allies or houses.

49 Such as are aboue limited to be punished by whip-
ping, shalbe so punished by the discretion of the gouernours
of b;idewel, wherof at least there shalbe such numbers
of Justices as in such case is required by the statutes

without tarying for any delay of sessions at the Guildhal, which to the Gouernours should be troublesome & to the house very chargeable, and consequently hurtfull to the release of the poore.

Artes, Occupations, Labors, and Works, to be set up in Bzidewell.

The worke in the Milles.	Knitting of hose.
The worke in the Ligh- ter & vnloading of Sand.	Spinning of Linnen yarne.
The carrying of sand.	Spinning of Candell weeke.
Making of shooes.	Making of Packthreed.
Thicking of Cappes by hand and foote.	Drawing of wier.
Making of woll Cardes.	Making of Pinnes.
Making of Bayles.	Making of Pointes.
Making of gloues.	Making of Knives.
Making of Combes.	Making of Tennise- balles.
Making of Inkle and tape.	Making of Bayes.
Making of silke Lace,	Making of feltes.
Making of Aparrell for the house.	Picking of woll for felts.
Spining of wollen yrene.	Or any other that may fall in practise.



Listo be ordered, to the intent that the house of Bzidewel be not ouerpestered, but may be able to receaue such as shall neede, and that such as shalbe brought thether be brought for theyr reformation and not for perpetuall seruitude, that the gouernours shall doo their indeuours to bestow as many of the youth as shalbe put to laboz thers, in seruice either as apprentices or otherwise with citizens or any other that wilbe content to receive them. And speciallie that owners and Maisters of shippes be intreated to receive

ceive such in their service.

51 To avoid the perill that the setting a worke of vagrants in the said Artes at Bridewell might be to the ouerthrow of the worke and to the vndeing of poore citizens housholders, and their families that live by working in the same arts for other, or by retaling of things wrought: Therfore the gouernours of Bridewell shall consult with the Wardens and discrete men of those companies that use the working or selling of such things as shalbe wrought in Bridewel, as shoomakers and other, that the said companies and their housholders shal deliuer their worke to such number in Bridewel as they may with the benefit of their company, and shal pay for the same at reasonable rates to their profit.

52 Also a note shall be kept in Bridewell of places and persons where and of whome worke may be had, that poore in parishes sent thither to require worke may be the better releued.

53 A view to be had of the cordwainers and other artificers what forrens are set on work contrary to the lawes of this Citty, & how many of them by their birth or by their continuance the space of three yeares do belong to the burden & charg of this citty, that order may be taken for them & for avoiding the increase of them hereafter but in case of necessity, and also with bonds of such as shal retaine them that they shal never be burdenous to the Citty as vagabonds or persons unprovided for.

54 For the better releefe of the poore, the leather that shalbe founde faulty in this Citty and seised as forfayted, shall never for any price come to the use of the searchers, or sealers of leather, but shall wholy be to Christes hospital, & Bridewell, to be there made into shooes for the poore, by the poore that shall worke there: and the searchers shall haue their portion in money according to the prailement.

55 Provision is to be made for apparell, bedding, and meate for the sayd poore, for tooles, and for stocke and stuffe for the occupations, for making of Villes, and buying of Lighters, for fees and wages of Bedelles and other necessary poore attendauntes: and therfore a competent & sufficient portion of money is to be had, which by an estimate for one yere accompting for ii, C. persons amounteth about ii, M, l.

56 That the act of common Counsell for Lime and for spending of sand and grauell to be taken out of Thamise be severely put in execution, which the body of the Citty do humbly pray the Lord Maioz and his brethren earnestly to do, and to bind, and punish with all straigtnes the offendours to the contrary, and especially such workemen as in deceiuing of builders do slauder the said sand, which by good triall in the buildings of noble men, and of sundry good Citizens, and other, and specially by a trial late made in the presence of the wardens of the sayd workemen, is found and confessed as good for the worke and as profitable to the builder as any other sand.

57 For the prouision of the sayd stock to the accompliting of the said good works, there may be graunted by the body of this Citty too fiftenes to be asselld & levied in vsuall manner, wherof the one to be paid as spedily as may be, the other at the end of vi. monethes.

58 Hereunto be added the taxations of all forens inhabiting within the liberties of this Citty to be assited according to the statute lately made for erecting of houses, for setting the poore on worke, or els to be contributary in the sayd fiftenes by the rate of their houses.

59. Where the other Hospitalles both for the poore chil-
dren, & for the diseased are likely at the first to haue here
by some increase of charge, & where also some parishes
are to be charged with their impotent poore, which are
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not able nor fitte to worke in Bridewell: Therfore the Lord Mayor & such as be thereunto authorised by the statutes wil sit againe and peruse the booke of taxati-
ons for the poore, that by the asseling of such as become
in place since the last assessment & were not assessed be-
fore, and by auauncing such as God hath further blessed
with habilitie, and with reasonable consideration of such
as be lesse able, the booke may be renewed and made as
beneficall, as reasonably may be for the poore.

60 That a consideration be had of the pensionaries out
of the hospitall in every Parish, that none be allowed
without neede, nor to such as haue pensions otherwise,
wherby such as truely haue neede may be the better re-
lieued.

61 For helpe of the hospitals & Parishes in this charge
all churchwardens & collectors for the poore be strayght-
ly charged to execute the lawe against such as come not
to church, against al persons without exception, and spe-
cially against such as while they ought to be at diuine
seruice, doo spend their time and their money lewdly in
haunting of plaies, and other idle and wycked pastimes
and exercises.

62 For as much as the playing of Enterludes, & the re-
sort to the same are very daungerous for the infection of
the plague, whereby infinite burdens and losses to the
Citty may increase, and are very hurtfull in corruption
of youth with incontinence & lewdnes, and also great
wasting both of the time and thrist of many poore people
and great prouoking of the wrath of God the ground of
all plagues, great withdrawing of the people from pub-
lique prayer & from the seruice of God: and daily cryed
out against by the graue and earnest admonitions of the
preachers of the word of God: Therfore be it ordered
that all such Enterludes in publique places, and the re-
sort to the same shall wholy be prohibited as vngodly,
and humble sute be made to the Lords that lyke prohi-
bition be in places neere unto the Cittle.

63 The forfaitures of al such as be bound not to place in their allies & small habitations any such as shalbe burdensous to the City, be severally levied & emploied to the releefe of the poore in the said Hospitals and parishes, and that the Lord Maior and Aldermen will not remit any part thereof nor stay any suite or execution upon any of the said bondes without consent of the common counsell.

64 New bonds be taken to like effect and for auoyding of Inmates of all such as be not yet bounde or whose bondes shall cease by the execution of them.

65 The Lord maior and aldermen by the request of the gouernours of Bridewell appoynt some speciall offy-
cers or persons to enquire of goods forsen bought & solde
wherby Citizens shold otherwise lose the benefit of their
trades and become vnable to releeve the poore, and part
of the forfeitures so to be found may be to the releefe of
the poore.

66 That the preachers be moued at the sermons at the Crosse & other conuenient times specially in the terme time, & that other good notorius meanes be vsed, to re-
quire both Citizens, Artificers, and other, and also all
farmers and other for husbandry, and gentlemen and o-
ther for their kitchins & other seruices, to take seruants
and children both out of Bridewell & Christes Hospitall
at their pleasures, with declaration what a charitable
dēd it shalbe not onely for the releefe of those whom they
shall so take into seruice but also of multitudes of other
that shall from time to time be taken into the hospitals
in their places, and so be preserued from perishing, with
offer also that they shall haue them conueniently appa-
relled & bound with them for any competent number
of yeeres, with further declaration that ma-
ny of them be of toward qualitie in
readynge, wryting, Grammer,
and Musike.

